

Dear Members of the Environment Committee,

OPPOSE SB 1148 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN KILLING AND HUNTING OF BLACK BEAR

Not only am I against hunting black bears, especially when there are mountains of information on how to coexist with and avoid bear conflicts, but this bill does very little to prevent bear conflicts.

In 2022, Colorado established the Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Community Grant Program(1) with the goal of reducing human-bear conflicts. Connecticut needs to do the same and **pass HB 5160 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HABITUATION OF BLACK BEARS** which includes “a grant program to local communities, towns, parks and recreation departments, farmers and landowners to use proven nonlethal techniques for preventing human-bear conflicts or exploring an innovation, with promise, to prevent such conflicts.”

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Thank you for your time.

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- 1) <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/Human-Bear-Conflict-Reduction-Grant-Program-Plan.pdf>